

Teacher Enjoys European Study Adventure

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Barbara Allred recently enjoyed a twenty-one day adventure in six countries of Europe with the tour group directed by Brigham Young University. The countries were Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France and England. She flew transatlantic flight to Rome, the "Eternal City" immortalized in awesome statues, arches, and fountains, St. Peter's Basilican with Michelangelo's Pieta and his frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, also

monuments such as the Forum, Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Catacombs. Driving along the beautiful scenic Mediterranean Cost the tour stopped to see the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa, then on to Florence, the City of the Italian Renaissance. The Midici Chapel, the Accademia where Michelangelo's David, the bronze doors, and many famous paintings and statues were enjoyed. Venice, built on 118 islands, was charming with gondolaed waterways, the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Cathedral, etc. At Oberammergau Germany, the attended the world renown Passion Play depicting the last days of the life of Christ. They stayed in this tiny woodcarving city (pop. 5,000) for two nights at the home of farm families where they were served their meals and slept on featherbeds. This pageant is held every 10 years and 15,000 people attend each day for 100 days. The large cast is chosen from the residents of the city. It was most enjoyable and very impressive. Next toured was the Neuschwanstein Castle in route to Switzerland. It is unsurpassed for enchantment and splendor where mad King Ludwig II reigned. World famous art and sculpture is housed here. Then on to the Matterhorn, rising 14,740

feet. They hiked and explored glistening glaciers, mountains covered with wild flowers, lush green forests, blue lakes and alpine villages with its neat chateaus with flower boxes in the front of each one. Near Bern they visited Fountainbleu where Napoleon spent some time. Paris tour included Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Paris Opera House and many fascinating places as famed Versailles Palace, home of Marie Antoinette, the Louvre where Mona Lisa, Whistler's Mother, Winged Victory, and countless other masterpieces were. They crossed the English Channel in a Hovercraft and saw the White Cliffs of Dover. Canterbury was the first stop in London with other sights being the British Museum, which houses the Rosetta Stone and the Crown Jewels, Magna Crta, etc., Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, and Piccadilly Circus. St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Tower of London and London Bridge. Countless memories of each day experienced during her European Highlights were brought home to enrich her life and lives of her students at J.R. Smith School where she teaches 5th graders.

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